GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW DISEASES IN RURAL AREAS
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey for ascertaining the reasons for the out break of new diseases invariably in the backward rural areas of the country, especially in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(c) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched a National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases (NSPCD) in 45 districts including Bhopal and Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh. This Pilot programme would be extended to 100 districts by 2002. The main objective of the programme include strengthening of the disease surveillance for forecasting and early detection of outbreaks and the rapid response thereto for prevention and control of outbreak of communicable diseases. The programme would also cover new diseases, in backward rural areas.